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Attorney Docket No. 403034/HOEGER  
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In re Application of: ENSINGER et al.  
Application No. 10/814,587  
Filed: April 1, 2004  
For: RETAINING RING FOR HOLDING SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS IN A CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING APPARATUS

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401 Dulany Street  
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Sir:

Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

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CLAIM FEE	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADD'L CLAIM FEE	RATE			
TOTAL	31	MINUS	32	= 0	x 25=	\$	x 50= \$			
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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE CLAIM				+ 180=	\$	+ 360=	\$			
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 7, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants petition for a three month extension of time, extending the date for reply to and including August 7, 2006, and submits the requisite fee therefor.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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